



GOVERNMENT OF KERALA

Abstract

Forest and Wildlife Department-Permission granted for cutting 15 number of trees downstream of Mullaperiyar Baby Dam-Order kept in abeyance - Orders issued.

FOREST AND WILDLIFE (C) DEPARTMENT

G.O.(Ms)No.22/2021/F&WLD Dated,Thiruvananthapuram, 07/11/2021

Read : Proceedings Order No.KFDHQ/3859/2021-CWW-WL-4 dated 05.11.2021 issued by the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (Wildlife) and Chief Wildlife Warden,Kerala.

ORDER

As per the order read above, the Principal Chief Conservator of Forest(Wildlife) & Chief Wildlife Warden has granted permission to the Executive Engineer, Water Resources Department, Cumbam, Tamil Nadu for felling 15 number of trees,annexed to the proceedings, in the area immediately on the downstream of Mullaperiyar Baby Dam, which is a part of the Periyar Tiger Reserve.

The case relating to the Mullaperiyar Dam is pending before the Hon'ble Supreme Court. The Government of Kerala have filed counter affidavit in the case. It has been specified therein that the permission of MoEF is necessary for felling of trees in the Tiger Reserve. Wildlife clearance and environmental clearance are also necessary from the Standing Committee of the National Wildlife Board. In the letter No.8626/ISW.1/2015-24 dated 03.09.2020 of the Principal Secretary to Government, Public Works Department, Government of Tamil Nadu requesting for felling of trees also, the requirement for such clearances were specified.

In the order read above, it is not clear whether the statutory clearances as above were obtained as per the laws and orders in force for the time being.

In the above circumstances, the Government are pleased to order to

keep the order read above in abeyance until further orders.

(By order of the Governor)
Rajesh Kumar Sinha
Principal Secretary

To:

The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests and Head of Forest Forces,
Kerala, Thiruvananthapuram.

The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (Wildlife) and Chief Wildlife
Warden, Kerala, Thiruvananthapuram.

Executive Engineer, WRD, Cumbam, Tamil Nadu.

The Field Director, PTR, Kottayam.

The Deputy Director, PTR, East Division.

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Section Officer